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# WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE OF THE TECHNICAL EVALUATION REFERENCE GROUP OF THE ADAPTATION FUND (AF-TERG) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 (FY25)

## Strategic Issues

- The AF-TERG has been operational since 1 July 2019 and is comprised of an independent group of five members, including the Chair, who provides strategic leadership.
- In April 2024, through decision B.42/46, the Board approved the second multi-year work programme of the AF-TERG for FY25-27 (AFB/EFC.33/.6/Rev.1), and through decision B.42/45, the annual budget of AF-TERG and its secretariat for FY25.
- As per the ToR of the AF-TERG, the Chair of the AF-TERG is required to present to the EFC the results of the work conducted by the AF-TERG.

### **Purpose**

1. This report from the Chair of the AF-TERG is an information document for the members of the EFC and presents a biannual progress update on the first year (FY25) of the AF-TERG's second multi-year work programme spanning the fiscal years 2025 to 2027.

## Summary annual progress update of the AF-TERG's work programme

2. A snapshot of annual progress for FY25 on the AF-TERG's three-year work programme (FY25-27) is presented in Table 1 below, with further details provided in the document. All these activities correspond to the activities in the second work programme 1 that was approved by the Adaptation Fund Board in March 2024.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision B.42/46.

Table 1: Status of implementation of the AF-TERG FY25 work plan

| Work<br>element                      | Activity  | Annual progress update  |
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| Workstream.                          | 7¿Generation.of.evaluations.  | ,   |
| Evaluation<br>management<br>function | (a) Comprehensive evaluation (CE) of the Adaptation Fund  | Selection process initiated in November 2024, selection of the vendor to be completed in March 2025. Inception Phase: April–May 2025. Data collection to start in June 2025.  |
|                                      | (b) Midterm review (MTR) of the<br>Second Medium-Term<br>Strategy (MTS-2) of the<br>Adaptation Fund               | Procurement completed in February 2025.     Inception phase: March-April 2025. Data collection to start in May 2025.  |
|                                      | (c) Evaluation of the systems and processes supporting governance for enhanced performance of the Adaptation Fund | Consultations, scoping and draft ToR development are ongoing. Procurement processes to be initiated in April 2025.  Work to be completed by December 2025 to become an input to the CE.                               |
|                                      | (d) Thematic evaluations: No #4 -<br>Readiness programme  | The evaluation is underway and will be completed by May 2025. The findings will become an input to the Fund's new Readiness Strategy and will become one of the building blocks of the CE.                            |
|                                      | (e) Ex post evaluations   | Ex post evaluation #5 in Mauritania is<br>nearing completion. Ex post evaluation #6<br>in Eritrea started in February 2025. Both to<br>be completed by June 2025.   |
| Advisory<br>function                 | (f) EP guidance based on emerging demand  | A draft guidance note (no.13) on Evaluation<br>Policy considerations in project design has<br>been developed and is under finalization.<br>Consultations were held with stakeholders<br>in a webinar on 31 July 2024. |
|                                      |   | An ex post evaluation toolkit was completed in February 2025 and will be launched in April 2025.  |
| Oversight function                   | (g) Tracking of evaluation quality and recommendations in collaboration with the secretariat                      | A light-touch, desk-based review of the implementation of the Evaluation Policy will be undertaken by October 2025.   |
|                                      |   | A draft Management Action Tracker<br>template was developed in October 2024.<br>Consultations are ongoing with the<br>secretariat to put this into practice by mid-<br>2025.  |

|   |   | Representatives of the AF-TERG will participate in two monitoring missions in March 2025 in Malaysia and Lao PDR .   |  |  |  |
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| Workstream.8¿.                                | Workstream.8¿.Evaluation.utilization.   |  |  |  |  |
| (I  | h) Collaborative studies with others for contribution to the knowledge management system of the Fund              | Two joint studies undertaken with the evaluation units of the four climate funds.  (1) A scoping study on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in climate change evaluations is complete. The next phase has begun and is expected to be completed by October 2025. (2) A study on Transformational Change is under finalization. |  |  |  |
|   |   | The AF-TERG is collaborating with the UNEP Copenhagen Climate Center (UNEP CCC) on a joint study on lessons learnt from the Adaptation Fund portfolio for monitoring and evaluation systems in loss and damage (expected to be completed by May 2025).   |  |  |  |
| (i  | <ul> <li>i) Communication and<br/>knowledge management, in<br/>collaboration with the<br/>secretariat.</li> </ul> | A draft communication strategy is under<br>development; social media channels<br>continue to be used. AF-TERG continues<br>to provide inputs on knowledge<br>management to the secretariat based on<br>demand.   |  |  |  |
| (j  | j) External engagement and<br>outreach  | The AF-TERG participated in 12 events, including in UNEG, to support ongoing CCA discussions and to share lessons emerging from evaluations. Details are in Annex A.   |  |  |  |
| Workstream.9¿Evaluation.capacity.development. |   |  |  |  |  |
| (I  | k) Collaboration with the secretariat on Evaluation capacity development  | Online training courses for Implementing<br>Entities on the Evaluation Policy are under<br>development (launch expected by end of<br>2025); AF-TERG regularly joins webinars<br>and capacity development events of the<br>Fund.  |  |  |  |
| (I  | l) Peer review of the AF-TERG   | An in-house reflective exercise as a preparatory exercise to feed into the proposed peer review of the AF-TERG, to be initiated by May 2025.   |  |  |  |

## **Background of the AF-TERG**

- 3. The Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) is an independent evaluation advisory group, accountable to the Adaptation Fund Board (hereafter, 'the Board'), and functionally independent of the Adaptation Fund Board secretariat (hereafter, 'the secretariat'), Board and Board committees. It was established to ensure the independent implementation of the Adaptation Fund's (hereafter, 'the Fund') Evaluation Framework, which was replaced by the Evaluation Policy in October 2023.
- 4. The AF-TERG has been operational since 1 July 2019 and is comprised of an independent group of five members, including the Chair, who provides strategic leadership. The AF-TERG is supported in the implementation of its work programme by a full-time secretariat, led by a Secretariat Coordinator/Senior Evaluation Officer and consisting of an evaluation officer (Extended Term Consultant, under recruitment) and programme assistant. Technical expert consultants and corporate vendors are hired on a short-term basis to implement specific work elements.
- 5. The AF-TERG takes direction from the Ethics and Finance Committee (EFC) and the Board. The Board endorses AF-TERG activities through the multi-year work programme and approves the annual workplan and budget as part of the Fund's overall workplan and budget. The work programme is informed by the evaluative needs of the Fund's key stakeholders and the relevant guidance from the various bodies of the UNFCCC, while also guided by the Fund's Evaluation Policy.
- 6. In April 2024, through decision B.42/46, the Board approved the second multi-year work programme of the AF-TERG for FY25-27 (AFB/EFC.33/.6/Rev.1), and through decision B.42/45, the annual budget of the AF-TERG and its secretariat for FY25. The work programme is framed under the three workstreams as defined by the Evaluation Policy and the revised AF-TERG Terms of Reference (ToR) (Decision B.42/47). These include: Workstream 1: Generation of evaluations, comprising evaluation management, advisory and oversight functions; Workstream 2: Evaluation utilization; and Workstream 3: Evaluation capacity development. In relation to workstreams 2 and 3, and in line with decision B.42/47 para (b), the AF-TERG will continue to collaborate and coordinate with the secretariat to ensure synergies and synchronize outreach to the Fund's stakeholders.

#### Introduction

7. This report from the Chair of the AF-TERG presents a biannual progress update on the first year (FY25) of the AF-TERG's second multi-year work programme spanning the fiscal years 2025 to 2027. Two accompanying annexes include a summary of the AF-TERG external outreach activities (Annex A); and a rolling list of reports delivered by the AF-TERG to the Board since FY20 (Annex B).

- 8. The AF-TERG is also separately submitting to the EFC's thirty-fifth meeting the following documents with details of its ongoing work, as follows:
  - a An information note to update the EFC on the scoping study on Artificial Intelligence, led by the AF-TERG and undertaken jointly with the evaluation and learning units of the other three climate funds (CIF E&LI, GCF IEU, and GEF IEO) (AFB/EFC.35/7).
  - b An approach paper to evaluate the Fund's systems and processes that support its governance, which will become an input to the Comprehensive Evaluation of the Fund. (AFB/EFC.35/8).
- 9. Since the departure of a member in July 2024, the AF-TERG operated with a reduced complement of four members, including the Chair. This resulted in a higher-than-expected workload which was managed by prioritizing activities and by adjusting work among the AF-TERG members and AF-TERG secretariat to ensure that momentum was not lost and that work remains on track. The new member, Mr. Shehryar Janjua, joined the AF-TERG on 3 February 2025.
- 10. The AF-TERG held its FY25 in-person meeting from 13–15 January 2025 in Washington, D.C., United States. The meeting enabled the AF-TERG to take stock of progress, prioritize forward work plans, discuss key issues collectively with the senior leadership team of the secretariat, and strengthen operational processes towards efficient and effective delivery.

## Information update to EFC on the second work programme

#### **Workstream 1: Generation of evaluations**

#### Management.function¿

- (a) The.Comprehensive.Evaluation.of.the.Fund.and.(b).The.midterm.review.(MTR).of.the.second. Medium\_Term.Strategy.(MTS\_8).of.the.Adaptation.Fund
- 11. <u>Background:</u> The AF-TERG's first multi-year strategy and work programme provisioned for an overall evaluation of the Fund. The Board reviewed the options presented by the AF-TERG (AFB/EFC.31/Inf.2, paras. 16-20) and decided to adopt a phased approach (AFB/B.39/14, decision B39/57).<sup>2</sup>
- 12. The first phase involved a **Rapid Evaluation study** that was delivered to the Board in August 2023 (AFB/EFC.32/.6/Rev.2²). This work looked at existing evaluative evidence and knowledge products within the Fund and identified topics that were considered not to have sufficient evidence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/AFB.EFC">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/AFB.EFC</a> .32.6.Rev .2 Rapidevaluation-Rev.2.pdf

- 13. The next major step will include the delivery of a **Comprehensive Evaluation (CE) of the Fund**, using a building block approach (drawing on existing evidence along with new evidence generated by the AF-TERG and secretariat), with the aim to contributing to the development of the Fund's third Medium-Term Strategy (2028-2032). The CE will be delivered, as per Board decision B.39/57 and B.40/72, 60 days before B.47 (i.e. by August 2026).
- 14. The overarching question of the CE is: what is the extent to which the Fund is progressing to fulfill its niche and to achieve its mandate? A secondary question is whether the niche of the Fund is still relevant in the current context.
- 15. A major input into the Comprehensive Evaluation will be the midterm review (MTR) of the Fund's Medium-term Strategy 2023-2027 (MTS2) and its Implementation Plan, as requested by the Board through decision B.40/72 (March 2023). The main objective of this MTR is to assess progress of the Adaptation Fund towards the MTS2 and its Implementation Plan in a dynamic climate change context. A secondary objective of the MTR is to identify lessons from the implementation of the MTS2 that can inform the remainder of its implementation.
- 16. The key areas of assessment for the CE and the MTR are presented below.

| Key.areas.of.assessment.for.the.                | Key.questions.for.the.MTR.of.the.MTS_8.8689_     |
|---|--|
| Comprehensive.Evaluation.of.the.Adaptation.     | 868 <b>⊙</b>                                     |
| Fund  |  |
| Macro level: relates to the Fund's niche, goals | Macro level: to what extent and how did the      |
| and performance                                 | MTS2 and its Implementation Plan reflect and     |
|   | leverage the Fund's niche, goals, strengths and  |
| Meso level: focusing on the implementation of   | weaknesses?                                      |
| the Fund's strategies, policies, processes and  |  |
| funding modalities at the country and           | Meso level: what additional lessons can be       |
| Implementing Entities levels and the            | learned from the implementation of the           |
| achievements of the MTS2 (as assessed by the    | management response to the MTR of the            |
| MTR of the MTS2).                               | MTS1? How useful and effective is the MTS2       |
|   | and its IP as a management tool?                 |
| Micro level: assessing the results at the       |  |
| project and progamme levels, as well as at the  | Micro level: to what extent is the Fund on track |
| aggregated level, in areas such as adaptive     | (or not) in delivering the Implementation Plan   |
| capacity, strengthened resilience, and          | of the MTS2 and achieving targets?               |
| reduced vulnerability, using the MTS2 cross-    |  |
| cutting issues as organizing themes.            |  |

17. <u>Progress:</u> The AF-TERG presented proposed approaches to the EFC (AFB/EFC.33/10<sup>3</sup>) and, as requested by the Board in decision B.42/50, the draft Terms of Reference (TORs) for both evaluations were submitted to the Board during the intersessional period between the forty-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/EFC\_33\_10.pdf

second and forty-third meetings of the Board (AFB/EFC.33-.34/Inf.1). The procurement process was initiated in November 2024 following Board approval of both TORs and should be completed by the time of the April 2025 EFC meeting.

## Forward priorities:

- 18. The inception phases for both MTR of MTS-2 and the CE are planned to begin by March 2025. This phase will be an important milestone to ensure that the selected firms fully understand the requirements of the TORs and are enabled to conduct the evaluations in an efficient and transparent manner. The AF-TERG will work closely with the secretariat through this process to incorporate their inputs into the evaluations. A key step will be the organization of kick-off meetings for both evaluations to meet, discuss next steps and to present consultants' proposals. Both evaluations will prepare inception reports based on their proposals and initial interviews with the AF-TERG and secretariat senior staff.
- 19. All other evaluations identified in the work programme continue to be approached as building blocks to inform the CE. There are several challenges and issues that the AF-TERG will need to monitor and mitigate in conducting these major evaluations. The most important one will be ensuring proper coordination between the work conducted by the AF-TERG and the secretariat, which serve as input evidence for these evaluations.
- 20. The AF-TERG will put in place arrangements to ensure that information flows transparently and on time between the different AF-TERG focal points and workstreams. The AF-TERG members and AF-TERG secretariat will be key resources for the CE and MTR consultants as they are the focal points of important work that will be crucial evidence inputs for the two evaluations. In addition, there will be coordination among the data collection methods to be used (e.g., surveys, interviews, country and Implementing Entities case studies, etc.) to reduce the burden on the recipient countries and projects staff. The members will also be key in communicating and clarifying links between all work.
  - (b).Systems.and.processes.supporting.governance
- 21. <u>Background:</u> Decision B.39/57 also requested the CE to follow an approach that encompasses both the findings from the rapid evaluation as well as an evaluation of **the processes and systems supporting governance for enhanced performance of the Fund** (G/PS). This evaluation topic is included in the AF-TERG workplan for FY25 and remains a key building block of the CE.
- 22. <u>Progress:</u> The AF-TERG has initiated a process of consultation on the scope of work to inform the development of the ToRs. Following a virtual consultation with the Board on 6 March 2025, the approach paper is submitted to the EFC at this thirty-fifth meeting (AFB/EFC.35/8). Based on this, a ToR will be developed and the procurement process initiated.

- 23. <u>Forward priorities</u>: In case no concerns are raised by EFC, the AF-TERG plans to complete the procurement by June 2025 and ensure that the study is concluded by December 2025 so that it becomes a timely input to the CE. A progress update alongside draft emerging findings will be presented to the EFC at its thirty-fifth meeting in October 2025.
  - (d).Thematic.evaluations;
- 24. <u>Background</u>: The Evaluation Policy makes provision for thematic evaluations to be conducted with the objective of drawing lessons about the Fund's efforts and progress on key topics. Three thematic evaluations on innovation (#1), accreditation (#2) and scalability (#3) respectively, were delivered under the AF-TERG's first work programme and presented to the EFC. Under the second work programme, the AF-TERG has continued to identify relevant topics for thematic evaluations in consultation with Board members, Implementing Entities, and secretariat staff as relevant to the evolving context of the Fund.
- 25. Progress: Following the completion of procurement, the thematic evaluation of the **readiness programme** (#4) began in December 2024. This was identified as a priority topic for evaluation in the MTS-2 Implementation Plan, which led to its inclusion in the AF-TERG's workplan for FY25. The inception phase was completed in February 2025 and five country case studies were identified based on criteria that took into account portfolio representation as well as time and budget limitations. The inception phase also developed a theory of change, refined the methodology for the evaluation, and undertook preliminary consultations with the secretariat and the AF-TERG. A progress update will be presented to the EFC in April 2025.
- 26. Forward priorities: The readiness evaluation is currently undertaking data collection, including through two virtual and three in-person country case studies to enhance the reliability and contextual relevance of findings. The evaluation is expected to be completed by May 2025. Findings are intended to provide learnings to inform the development of the Fund's new readiness programme (to be presented to the Board in October 2025) and to become an input to the CE.
  - (e)..Ex.post.evaluations..
- 27. <u>Background:</u> Under its first work programme, the AF-TERG developed a methodology for ex post evaluation of adaptation projects and has so far applied this to four ex post evaluations. The first two ex post evaluations were conducted for projects in Samoa and Ecuador (2022), and the next two were completed for projects in Argentina (2023) (AF/EFC.33/Inf.6 and AFB/EFC.33/Inf.7). The findings were discussed with the Implementing Entities, are now available on the Fund's website (including the French and Spanish translations), and continue to be well received in various external forums.
- 28. The work on ex post evaluations is widely recognized as innovative and remains a key element of the work of the AF-TERG and an input to the CE of the Fund. As per the second multi-year

- work programme, two ex post evaluations will be conducted annually in FY25 (#5 and #6) and FY26 (#7 and #8) respectively, and four in FY27 (#9 to #12).
- 29. <u>Progress:</u> For this current reporting year, the **fifth ex post evaluation** is underway for the project "Enhancing Resilience of Communities to the Adverse Effects of Climate Change on Food Security in Mauritania," implemented by the World Food Programme. Fieldwork was undertaken in February 2025. In response to guidance from the EFC, this evaluation represents the first ex post evaluation to study all project outcomes, and it is expected to be completed by June 2025.
- 30. The **sixth ex post evaluation** has been launched for the project "Climate Change Programme and Water and Agriculture in Anseba Region, Eritrea," implemented by the United National Development Programme (UNDP). This evaluation will also cover all project outcomes. In addition, it will develop and pilot an approach to ex post evaluations in fragile and conflict-affected states (FCAS) that can be used to inform safe evaluation in FCAS where the Fund provides support.
- 31. In addition, the AF-TERG **toolkit for ex post evaluations** of Fund projects, which underwent a broad consultative public review process, will be launched in April 2025.
- 32. Finally, the AF-TERG has also commissioned two visual notes to convey the findings of its third and fourth ex post evaluations to a broader audience.
- 33. Forward priorities: The AF-TERG is currently in the process of identifying projects that could be the subject of the seventh and eighth ex post evaluations, to be undertaken in FY26. Ex post evaluations and the toolkit continue to elicit substantial interest within the climate adaptation and evaluation field. The focus for the near term is to continue to disseminate learning from the approaches and findings of the ex post evaluations to date; to oversee the upcoming evaluations; to ensure that findings are shared with all project partners; and to focus on the uptake of lessons learned into the Fund's projects and operations. Findings and lessons from the ex posts undertaken so far will also feed into the Comprehensive Evaluation.

#### Advisory.function

(f).Evaluation.Policy¿guidance.notes

34. <u>Background</u>: In April 2022, the Board requested the AF-TERG to develop, in consultation with the secretariat, evaluation guidance documents for the implementation of the Fund's Evaluation Policy, including budget implications (decision B.38/48). The AF-TERG has since produced a total of 13 guidance notes, which are available on the AF website.<sup>4</sup> All guidance notes are now available in English, Spanish and French.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/about/evaluation/publications/foundational-documents/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/about/evaluation/publications/foundational-documents/</a> <sup>2</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/decision-document-for-the-thirty-ninth-meeting-of-theadapation-fund-board/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/decision-document-for-the-thirty-ninth-meeting-of-theadapation-fund-board/</a>

- 35. <u>Progress:</u> This year a **draft guidance note** on Evaluation Policy consideration in project design was developed, and consultation was held with stakeholders in a webinar on 31 July 2024. The guidance note is in the process of finalization based on inputs from the secretariat.
- 36. <u>Forward priorities</u>: The AF-TERG will continue to develop additional guidance notes based on portfolio analysis and emerging need from stakeholder consultations and will provide technical advice on the implementation of the Evaluation Policy. The AF-TERG will also continue to work closely with the secretariat to disseminate the Evaluation Policy and its guidelines at webinars and other events, including the annual meetings of National Implementing Entities.

## Oversight.function

- (g).Tracking.evaluation.quality.and.recommendations
- 37. The Evaluation Policy (para 46) also provisions for the AF-TERG to collaborate with the secretariat in **monitoring the implementation of the policy**, reporting annually to the Board on progress. The AF-TERG will undertake the first exercise to review compliance with the EP by October 2025. This is likely to involve a light-touch, desk-based review of any project midterm and final evaluations submitted since the policy became operational.
- 38. The second multi-year work programme of AF-TERG also provisions for the development of a management action tracker for all the strategic, thematic and portfolio evaluations conducted by AF-TERG on behalf of the Board. The AF-TERG secretariat developed an initial version of the management action tracker which was discussed during the AF-TERG's in-person meeting in May 2024. The AF-TERG aims to finalize and operationalize the tool by the middle of 2025, following consultations with the secretariat.
- 39. The MTS Implementation Plan provisions for the AF-TERG to participate in two **Portfolio Monitoring Missions (PMM)** per year. At the invitation of the secretariat, AF-TERG members will participate in the monitoring mission in March 2025 in Malaysia and Lao PDR.

### Workstream 2: Utilization of evaluations

- (h).Collaborative.studies.with.others
- 40. <u>Background</u>: The AF-TERG continues to participate actively in the virtual and in-person meetings of the evaluation groups of the four climate funds, namely the Adaptation Fund, Climate Investment Funds (CIFs), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and the Green Climate Fund (GCF), to ensure coherence and to reflect relevant thinking on adaptation monitoring, evaluation and learning in its approach and advice to the Board.
- 41. <u>Progress</u>: As part of the joint collaboration on knowledge and learning initiatives, the four climate funds are working together on two pieces of knowledge management work as follows:

- a) AF-TERG is leading the joint work on the **utilization of AI in climate change evaluations** in collaboration with the other climate funds. Despite the fact that various evaluation teams across the developmental world are looking into the utilization of AI in evaluations in general, no work has really been done focusing on climate change evaluations. The evaluation groups of the four funds expect this groundbreaking work to shape further discussions on the topic, while looking both at the benefits of the use of AI, as well as the potential risks. Phase 1 scoping has been completed, and findings were presented at COP29 and in a series of webinars. The evaluation groups of the four funds have agreed to proceed with a Phase 2 piloting phase to test the use of AI on evaluations in one or two key sectors that are of common interest to all funds, and to complete guidelines on the use of AI in evaluations. Phase 2 will be completed by October 2025 and will offer further recommendations on the way forward.
- b) The AF-TERG is also collaborating in a joint study, spearheaded by the GEF Independent Evaluation Office, which analyses how **transformational change** is conceived, operationalized, and evaluated within the portfolios of the four climate funds with the aim of identifying and comparing existing methodologies, frameworks, guidelines, and example reports from these funds to assess transformational change, highlighting similarities and differences. The ultimate goal is to provide recommendations to streamline the design, monitoring, and evaluation of transformational change work across the funds.
- 42. The AF-TERG is collaborating with the UNEP Copenhagen Climate Center (UNEP CCC) on a joint study on **lessons learned from the Adaptation Fund portfolio** for monitoring and evaluation systems in loss and damage. As the Adaptation Fund is the oldest climate fund, and some of its work is linked to loss and damage as a cross-cutting topic, it is crucial to extract lessons linked to the development of indicators, and setting up M&E systems and share those with the loss and damage and climate finance communities.
- 43. Forward priorities: The three pieces of work are examples of the ways the Adaptation Fund can generate evidence and learnings, and how, in collaboration with other partners in the climate finance space, the Fund can contribute to ongoing discussions related to evaluations and climate change. The AF-TERG will continue building on this ongoing work and explore further opportunities for the development of joint knowledge products with the other climate funds and stakeholders.
  - (i).Communications.and.knowledge.management.
- 44. AF-TERG continues to contribute to the overall knowledge management and communication work of the Fund, while maintaining its independent function in line with the AF-TERG mandate and its ToR.
- 45. The AF-TERG is in the process of finalizing its **communication strategy** in alignment with the Fund's new communication strategy, as well as with the goals of the Fund's second Medium Term Strategy that outlines learning and sharing as one of the three pillars. The AF-TERG has

- also contributed to the development of the relevant parts of the new Fund Knowledge Management Strategy, ensuring alignment with decision B.42/47 for synergies and synchronization of the outreach to Fund stakeholders.
- 46. The AF-TERG has maintained presence on social media channels, including LinkedIn, to ensure the dissemination of lessons learned and evidence generated by its work while reaching various stakeholders in the evaluation and wider climate finance communities.
  - (j).External.engagement.and.outreach...
- 47. As part of its external engagements and outreach, the AF-TERG has selectively participated in events which are designed to demonstrate the Fund's niche value, showcase results, and facilitate learning (see Annex A for the full list). These include: the Adaptation Fund Readiness Programme webinar (31 August 2024), the CIF webinar on "Lessons on Financing Forest Management" (5 September 2024), and the CIF-organized event on "Learning for Transformational Change" (15–17 October 2024). The AF-TERG also joined the Fund delegation at the COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan (11-22 November 2024) and organized or were represented in seven side events. In 2025, AF-TERG joined as an observer the forty-third meeting of the Accreditation Panel on 3-4 February 2025 in Washington, D.C., United States and United Nations Evaluation Group Annual General Meeting<sup>5</sup> and EvalWeek in the period 10–14 February 2025 in Tokyo, Japan. An AF-TERG member will join the IDEAS conference on 3-5 March 2025 in Rome, Italy.

## Workstream 3: Evaluative capacity building

- (k).Evaluation.Policy¿strengthening.MEL.capacities.
- 48. <u>Background</u>: Paras 27-29 of this note set out the evaluation policy guidance notes developed by the AF-TERG. The AF-TERG and the secretariat continue to work together to introduce these to Implementing Entities.
- 49. <u>Progress:</u> The AF-TERG has commissioned an **online training course** (eLearning) to help guide Fund stakeholders in the application of the evaluation policy. The video training is targeted at Implementing Entities and will provide practical guidance on the application of the Evaluation Policy at different stages of the project development and implementation.
- 50. Forward priorities: The launch of the online training is planned for the middle of FY25.

## **Other Forward priorities**

(l).Peer.evaluation.of.the.AF\_TERG

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The Adaptation Fund was admitted as an observer to the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) in November 2023.

51. The AF-TERG's work programme proposes to initiate a **peer review of the AF-TERG** in FY25 as part of the CE of the Fund. This review is intended to assess the evaluation function against accepted international standards, within the context of the Fund's mandate and strategies, and will assess the extent to which fulfilment of the AF-TERG's main functions have contributed to learning and accountability in the Fund. This could look at the AF-TERG's structure, effectiveness, functions, and the implementation of its work programme. Accordingly, the AF-TERG proposes to initiate some preparatory work in FY25, including through consultations with UNEG and other evaluation offices of the climate funds, to inform the development of TORs for the evaluation work.

## **Budget update**

- 52. As reported in document AFB/EFC.35.2, the overall expenditure and commitment level of the evaluation function for FY25 was 46 per cent, with the management component of the budget standing at 54 per cent, and the evaluation component at 38 per cent. This presents an improvement compared to the same period in FY24 and is a reflection of the improved budget planning and management processes introduced in the AF-TERG secretariat.
- 53. Further expenditure on the evaluation component of the budget is expected for the remainder of the current financial year as work comes on stream. Procurement is underway for three additional pieces of work for FY25, namely the sixth ex post evaluation in Eritrea, and MTR of MTS2 and comprehensive evaluation of the Fund. Additionally, the procurement of the evaluation of processes and systems for the Fund's governance is expected to start in April 2025.

## Annex A: Summary of external outreach activities in FY25 (online and in-person)

#### FY25

- 1. Ms. Susan Legro, AF-TERG member, joined a readiness webinar on 31 July 2024, and introduced the new draft Evaluation Policy guidance note on evaluation considerations in project design.
- 2. Mr. Vladislav Arnaoudov, AF-TERG Secretariat Coordinator/Senior Evaluation Officer, presented at a joint event of the four climate funds Climate Finance Evidence Series: Lessons from Financing Forest Management on 5 September 2024.
- 3. Ms. Debbie Menezes, AF-TERG Chair, was invited to join a convening event of the Rockefeller Foundation on climate evaluation in Bellagio, Italy, 10–14 September 2024,
- 4. Ms. Sithabiso Gandure, AF-TERG member, joined the annual Adaptation Fund NIE seminar in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa, in the period 16–20 September 2024.
- 5. Mr. Vladislav Arnaoudov, AF-TERG Secretariat Coordinator/Senior Evaluation Officer, joined the annual European Evaluation Society conference in Rimini, Italy from 25–27 September 2024, and participated in two events namely, a joint AF, CIF, GCF and CIF event on transformational change and a separate event on ex post evaluations.
- 6. Mr. Vladislav Arnaoudov, AF-TERG Secretariat Coordinator/Senior Evaluation Officer, joined the event titled "Learning for Transformational Change" in Washington D.C., USA organized by the Climate Investment Funds, in the period 15–17 October 2024.
- 7. Ms. Debbie Menezes, AF-TERG Chair, joined the webinar debrief on the Decisions of the 43<sup>rd</sup> AFB meeting on 29 October 2024 and provided updates related to the work of AF-TERG.
- 8. Ms. Debbie Menezes, AF-TERG Chair, and Mr. Vladislav Arnaoudov, AF-TERG Secretariat Coordinator/Senior Evaluation Officer, joined the AF delegation at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November 2024 and organized and/or presented at seven different side events.
- 9. Ms. Debbie Menezes, AF-TERG Chair, moderated, and Mr. Vladislav Arnaoudov, AF-TERG Secretariat Coordinator/Senior Evaluation Officer, presented at a Climate Finance Evidence Series event titled Use of AI in Climate Change Evaluations on 28 January 2025.
- 10. Ms. Debbie Menezes, AF-TERG Chair, and Mr. Vladislav Arnaoudov, AF-TERG Secretariat Coordinator/Senior Evaluation Officer, joined the UNEG evaluation week and annual general meeting in Tokyo, Japan, in the period 10–14 February 2025.

- 11. Mr. Vladislav Arnaoudov, AF-TERG Secretariat Coordinator, and Ms. Susan Legro, AF-TERG member, joined the TCLP webinar presenting the four funds study on transformational change on 20 February 2025.
- 12. The AF-TERG keeps an active web presence on social media platforms, such as Instagram, LinkedIn, and X (formerly Twitter), covering updates on ongoing and completed work.

## Annex B: AF-TERG documents delivered to the Ethics and Finance Committee

To date, the AF-TERG has delivered the following documents to the Board and its EFC:

#### FY20:

(a) Draft Strategy and Work Programme of the Adaptation Fund Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.26.a-26.b/3) (May 2020)<sup>6</sup>

### FY21:

- (b) Work Update Report of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.26.b/Inf.1) (October 2020)<sup>7</sup>
- (c) Evaluating Adaptation: Common Challenges Identified Across Three Studies Commissioned by the Adaptation Fund Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AFTERG) (AFB/EFC.26.b/Inf.2) (October 2020)<sup>8</sup>
- (d) Progress Update on the Review and Revision of the Evaluation Framework (AFB/EFC.27/7) (March 2021)<sup>9</sup>
- (e) Synthesis of Adaptation Fund Final Evaluations Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.27/.8) (March 2021)<sup>10</sup>
- (f) Board's Participation in Advisory Groups, Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.27/9/Rev.2) (March 2021)<sup>11</sup>
- (g) Work Update Report of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.27/Inf.1) (March 2021)<sup>12</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/draft-strategy-and-work-programme-of-the-adaptation-fundtechnical-evaluation-reference-group-af-terg/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/draft-strategy-and-work-programme-of-the-adaptation-fundtechnical-evaluation-reference-group-af-terg/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/technical-evaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptationfund-af-terg-work-update-report/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/technical-evaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptationfund-af-terg-work-update-report/</a>

Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/evaluating-adaptation-common-challenges-identifiedacross-three-studies-commissioned-by-the-adaptation-fund-technical-evaluation-reference-group-af-terg/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/evaluating-adaptation-common-challenges-identifiedacross-three-studies-commissioned-by-the-adaptation-fund-technical-evaluation-reference-group-af-terg/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/progress-update-on-the-review-and-revision-of-theevaluation-framework-technical-evaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptation-fund-af-terg/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/progress-update-on-the-review-and-revision-of-theevaluation-framework-technical-evaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptation-fund-af-terg/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/synthesis-of-adaptation-fund-final-evaluations-technicalevaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptation-fund-af-terg/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/boards-participation-in-advisory-groups-technicalevaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptation-fund-af-terg/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/work-update-report-of-the-technical-evaluation-referencegroup-of-the-adaptation-fund-af-terg/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/work-update-report-of-the-technical-evaluation-referencegroup-of-the-adaptation-fund-af-terg/</a>

(h) Mid-Term Review of the Medium-Term Strategy Emerging Findings and Areas for Discussion, Technical Evaluation Reference Group of The Adaptation Fund (AFTERG) (AFB/EFC.27/Inf.2) (March 2021)<sup>13</sup>

FY22:

(i) Mid-term Review of the Medium-term Strategy of the Adaptation Fund (AFB/EFC.28/7) (October 2021)<sup>14</sup>

- (j) Work Update Report of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.28/Inf.2) (October 2021)<sup>15</sup>
- (k) Progress on Development of the Adaptation Fund Evaluation Policy Information Update (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.28/Inf.3) (October 2021)<sup>16</sup>
- (I) Progress Update on Ex Post Evaluations (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.28/Inf.4) (October 2021)<sup>17</sup>
- (m) Evaluation Policy of the Adaptation Fund (AFB/EFC.29/6/Rev.1) (April 2022)<sup>18</sup>
- (n) Fiscal Years 2023 2024 Update to the Work Programme of the Adaptation Fund Technical Evaluation Reference Group (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.29/7) (April 2022)<sup>19</sup>
- (o) Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) Work Update Report for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) and Forward Priorities (FY23) (AFB/EFC.29/Inf.2) (April 2022)<sup>20</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/mid-term-review-of-the-medium-term-strategy-emergingfindings-and-areas-for-discussion-technical-evaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptation-fund-af-terg/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/mid-term-review-of-the-medium-term-strategy-of-theadaptation-fund/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/mid-term-review-of-the-medium-term-strategy-of-theadaptation-fund/</a>

<sup>15</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/44842/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/progress-on-development-of-the-adaptation-fundevaluation-policy-information-update/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/progress-on-development-of-the-adaptation-fundevaluation-policy-information-update/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/progress-update-on-ex-post-evaluations-af-terg/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/progress-update-on-ex-post-evaluations-af-terg/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/draft-evaluation-policy-of-the-adaptation-fund/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/draft-evaluation-policy-of-the-adaptation-fund.org/document/evaluation-policy-of-the-adaptation-fundgraphically-edited/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/fiscal-years-2023-2024-update-to-the-work-programme-ofthe-adaptation-fund-technical-evaluation-reference-group-af-terg/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/fiscal-years-2023-2024-update-to-the-work-programme-ofthe-adaptation-fund-technical-evaluation-reference-group-af-terg/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/technical-evaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptationfund-af-terg-work-update-report-for-fiscal-year-2022-fy22-and-forward-priorities-fy23/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/technical-evaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptationfund-af-terg-work-update-report-for-fiscal-year-2022-fy22-and-forward-priorities-fy23/</a>

- (p) AF-TERG Information Update on Phase One of the Thematic Evaluation of Innovation (AFB/EFC.29/Inf.3) (April 2022)<sup>21</sup>
- (q) Progress Update on Ex Post Evaluations and Emerging Lessons from Phase 2
  (On-Going) Technical Evaluation Reference Group of The Adaptation Fund (AFTERG)
  (AFB/EFC.29/Inf.4) (April 2022)<sup>22</sup>

#### FY23:

(r) Draft Framework for the Development of Evaluation Policy Guidance Documents (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.30/.8/Rev.1) (October 2022)<sup>23</sup>

- (s) Revision of the Administrative Budget of the AF-TERG and its Secretariat for the Fiscal Year 2023 (AFB/EFC.30/.9) (October 2022)<sup>24</sup>
- (t) Thematic Evaluation of the Adaptation Fund's Experience with Innovation (AFTERG) (AFB/EFC.30/10) (October 2022)<sup>25</sup>
- (u) Options for the Overall Evaluation of the Fund (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.30/11) (October 2022)<sup>26</sup>
- (v) Information Update on Phase 2 of the Ex Post Project Sustainability Evaluations (AF-TERG) (AFB/EFC.30/Inf.3) (October 2022)<sup>27</sup>
- (w) Draft Terms of Reference Rapid Evaluation A Synthesis of Evaluations and Knowledge Products on Climate Change Adaptation (AFB/EFC.30-31/Inf.1) (November 2022)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/af-terg-information-update-on-phase-one-of-the-thematicevaluation-of-innovation/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/progress-update-on-ex-post-evaluations-and-emerginglessons-from-phase-2-on-going-technical-evaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptation-fund-af-terg/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/progress-update-on-ex-post-evaluations-and-emerginglessons-from-phase-2-on-going-technical-evaluation-reference-group-of-the-adaptation-fund-af-terg/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/draft-framework-for-the-development-of-evaluation-policyguidance-documents-af-terg/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/revision-of-the-administrative-budget-of-the-af-terg-and-itssecretariat-for-fiscal-year-2023/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/thematic-evaluation-of-the-adaptation-funds-experiencewith-innovation-af-terg/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/thematic-evaluation-of-the-adaptation-funds-experiencewith-innovation-af-terg/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/options-for-the-overall-evaluation-of-the-fund-af-terg/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/information-update-on-phase-2-of-the-ex-post-projectsustainability-evaluations-af-terg/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/information-update-on-phase-2-of-the-ex-post-projectsustainability-evaluations-af-terg/</a>

- (x) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy (AFB/EFC.31/.7) (March 2023)<sup>28</sup>
- (y) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy Annex 1: Draft Guidance Note, Evaluation Principles (AFB/EFC.31/8/Add.1) (March 2023)<sup>29</sup>
- (z) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy Annex 2:

  Draft Guidance Note, Evaluation Criteria (AFB/EFC.31/8/Add.2) (March 2023)<sup>30</sup>
- (aa) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy Annex 3: Draft Guidance Note, Evaluation Budgeting (AFB/EFC.31/8/Add.3) (March 2023)<sup>31</sup>
- (bb) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy Annex 4: Draft Guidance Note, Commissioning and Managing an Evaluation (AFB/EFC.31/8/Add.4) (March 2023)<sup>32</sup>
- (cc) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy Annex 5:

  Draft Guidance Note, Evaluation Terms of Reference (AFB/EFC.31/8/Add.5) (March 2023)<sup>33</sup>
- (dd) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy Annex 6: Draft Guidance Note, Inception Report (AFB/EFC.31/8/Add.6) (March 2023)<sup>34</sup>
- (ee) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy Annex 7: Draft Guidance Note, Evaluation Reporting (AFB/EFC.31/8/Add.7) (March 2023)<sup>35</sup>
- (ff) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy Annex 8: Draft Guidance Note, Mid-Term Review (AFB/EFC.31/8/Add.8) (March 2023)<sup>36</sup>
- (gg) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy Annex 9:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/AFB.EFC\_.32.7\_Evaluation-PolicyBudget-Implication\_clean.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023-03-06-AFBEFC.31.8.Add \_.1-EPGDev.-Annex-1.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/evaluation-criteria/

<sup>31</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/evaluation-budgeting/

<sup>32</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/commissioning-and-managing-an-evaluation/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/evaluation-terms-of-reference/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/inception-report/">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/inception-report/</a>

<sup>35</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/evaluation-reporting/

<sup>36</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/mid-term-review/

- Draft Guidance Note, Final Evaluation (AFB/EFC.31/8/Add.9) (March 2023)<sup>37</sup>
- (hh) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy Annex 10: Draft Guidance Note, Ex Post Evaluation (AFB/EFC.31/8/Add.10) (March 2023)<sup>38</sup>
- (ii) Work update report of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG): Progress Update for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) and Forward Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) (AFB/EFC.31/Inf.2) (March 2023)<sup>39</sup>

## FY24:

- (jj) Rapid Evaluation of the Adaptation Fund (AFB/EFC.32/.6/Rev.2) (October 2023)<sup>40</sup>
- (kk) Work Programme Update Report of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) Progress and Forward Priorities for Fiscal Year 2023–2024 (AFB/EFC.32/Inf.2) (October 2023)<sup>41</sup>
- (II) Approach to the Second Strategy and Work Programme of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund for the period 2025–27 (WP2) (AFB/EFC.32/Inf.3) (October 2023)<sup>42</sup>
- (mm) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation policy: Real-Time Evaluations (AFB/EFC.32/Inf.4) (October 2023)<sup>43</sup>
- (nn) Guidance in Support of the Operationalization of the Evaluation Policy: Overarching Guidance Notes (AFB/EFC.32/Inf.5/Rev.1) (October 2023)<sup>44</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/final-evaluation/

<sup>38</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/ex-post-evaluation/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/AFB.EFC\_.31.Inf\_.2\_AF-TERG-WorkUpdate-Report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/AFB.EFC \_.32.6.Rev \_.2 Rapidevaluation-Rev.2.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/AFB.EFC\_.32.Inf\_.2\_Update-on-the-AFTERG-work-programme-final.pdf

<sup>42</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/AFB.EFC \_.32.Inf \_.3 \_Multi-yearprogramme-approach-paper-concept-final.pdf

<sup>43</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/document/real-time-evaluation/

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- (00) Work Programme and Multi-Year Budgets of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund for the Period 2025–2027 AFB/EFC.33/.6/Rev.1) (April 2024)<sup>45</sup>
- (pp) Revised Terms of Reference for the AF-TERG (AFB/EFC.33/.7) (April 2024)<sup>46</sup>
- (qq) Approach to the Design of the Terms of Reference for the Comprehensive Evaluation of the Adaptation Fund and the MidTerm Review of the Second Medium-Term Strategy of the Adaptation Fund (AFB/EFC.33/10) (April 2024)<sup>47</sup>
- (rr) Update on the AF-TERG Thematic Evaluation on the Adaptation Fund Accreditation Process (AFB/EFC.33/11) (April 2024)<sup>48</sup>
- (ss) AF-TERG Thematic Evaluation of Scalability Concepts and Practice at the Adaptation Fund (AFB/EFC.33/12) (April 2024)<sup>49</sup>
- (tt) Work Programme Update Report of the Technical Evaluation Reference Group of the Adaptation Fund (AF-TERG) Progress for Fiscal Year 2023–2024 (FY24) (AFB/EFC.33/Inf.2) (April 2024)<sup>50</sup>
- (uu) Summary of Ex Post Evaluation #3 of AF Project Arg/Mie/Rural/2011/1 Increasing Climate Resilience and Enhancing Sustainable Land Management in the Southwest Of The Buenos Aires Province, Argentina (AFB/EFC.33/Inf.6) (April 2024)<sup>51</sup>
- (vv) Summary of Ex Post Evaluation #4 of AF Project Arg/NIE/Agri/2011/1 Enhancing the Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small-Size Agriculture

  Producers in Northeast Argentina (AFB/EFC.33/Inf.7) (April 2024)<sup>52</sup>
- (ww) AF-TERG Thematic Evaluation of Scalability Concepts and Practice of the AF (AFB/EFC.34.5/Rev.1) (October 2024)<sup>53</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/AFB-EFC.33-6-Rev-1-AF-TERG-Second-multiyear-work-programme-2.pdf

<sup>46</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/AFB\_EFC.33\_7.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/EFC\_33\_10.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/AFB-EFC.33-11-TE-on-AccreditationProcess-R.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/EFC\_33\_12.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/AFB.EFC\_.33.Inf\_.2\_Update-on-the-AFTERG-work-programme.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/AFB.EFC\_.33.Inf\_.6\_Ex-post-3Argentina.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Available at: <a href="https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/AFB.EFC\_.33.Inf\_.7-Ex-post-4-Argentina.pdf">https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/AFB.EFC\_.33.Inf\_.7-Ex-post-4-Argentina.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AFB\_EFC.34\_5-AF-TERG-TE-Scalability-Evaluation-Report.pdf

- (xx) Summary of Ex Post Evaluation #3 of AF Project Arg/Mie/Rural/2011/1 Increasing Climate Resilience and Enhancing Sustainable Land Management in the Southwest Of The Buenos Aires Province, Argentina (AFB/EFC.34/Inf.4) (October 2024)<sup>54</sup>
- (yy) Summary of Ex Post Evaluation #4 of AF Project Arg/NIE/Agri/2011/1 Enhancing the Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small-Size Agriculture Producers in Northeast Argentina (AFB/EFC.34/Inf.5) (October 2024)<sup>55</sup>
- (zz) Second Synthesis of Adaptation Fund final evaluations (AFB/EFC.34/Inf.6) (October 2024)<sup>56</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AFB.EFC\_.34.Inf\_.3\_Ex-post-3-Argentina.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AFB.EFC\_.34.Inf\_.4-Ex-post-4-Argentina.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Available at: https://www.adaptation-fund.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/AFB.EFC\_.34.Inf\_.6-Adaptation-Fund-Final-Evaluation-Synthesis-Report.pdf